

Oregon Nosed Out, 79-76 Arkansas Razorbacks

Wilkins Racks Up 23 Markers to Pace Webfoot Attack, Hamilton Pours In 20

OKLAHOMA CITY, March 24 (AP)—Arkansas Aggies, paced by Kurland, 7-foot cowboy and the Arkansas University Razorbacks, featuring George Kok, 6-foot, 10-inch man, will clash for the NCAA basketball championship in Municipal auditorium tonight.

The winner will go to New York to meet either Ohio State or New York University, east regional semi-finalists, for the national NCAA title.

Arkansas, coached by Kurland, who scored 28 points, the Aggies defeated Utah, last year's champions, 62 to 37, while the Razorbacks smashed scoring records to eliminate Oregon, 79 to 76, to the amazement of 5612 paid fans last night.

A double scoring record of 155 points—an average of almost four points a minute—was made in the Arkansas-Oregon game. Most combined points in a previous game was 119 in 1941 when Dartmouth beat North Carolina, 60-59.

Bill Flynt, Arkansas guard, put the clincher on the free-throw line with a free toss and field goal in the closing seconds. The score was deadlocked three times in the last four minutes, 72-72, 74-74, and 76-76.

Dick Wilkins and Bob Hamilton tallied 23 and 20 points, respectively, for the Webfoots while Kok bagged nine fielders and four free throws for 22 Arkansas tallies. Close behind was Kok's teammate, Mike Schumchuk with 20 points.

Arkansas and Oklahoma Aggies have met three times before this season with the Aggies winning twice, 40-40 and 43-34, and the Porkers winning 41-38.

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Lookin' 'Em Over



"Grey Mask" Ekes Out Win Over Pete

The "Grey Mask" will probably use a Pershing tank the next time he rattles here. Last night in the headline tiff with Pete Belcastro, the hooded hoodlum made use of tape across the knuckles of one hand and a knee bandage, not to mention the mask itself, which alone gives him an advantage over his opponent. Mr. Stoneface eked out a win over Pete, but not before he knew he had been to the wars.

The masked menace started out the clambake by jumping the bell and giving Pete a few cranium wallops from behind. Referee Wally Moss offered to award Belcastro the bout, but Pete refused to accept and waded out to take his medicine.

While the fans screamed the roof off at the tactics of Mr. Stoneface, he proceeded to take the first fall in short order with a stepover toe hold. It looked very much as if Pete was all done, but he pulled himself together and put on a one-man exhibition of mat mayhem that has seldom been rivaled here.

With the crowd practically standing on their seats, Belcastro belted the "Mask" from one side of the ring to the other and at one time went down in the aisle after the veiled villain.

After the second and third cantos had passed without a fall, Pete caught Mr. Stoneface with a Sonnenberg butt, plus a few well-placed forearm wallops, and took the flop that evened the count with a full body press.

In the fifth heat, the hooded heel fell back on all the slinkero tricks in the book and rendered Pete groggy with repeated head butts. Belcastro instinctively threw a few punches that landed and both muscled were wobbling all over the ring, when the "Mask" saw an opening and took the deciding fall with a body press.

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Baseball Players In Quandry

Draft Boards to Have Last Say On Eligibility of Men

By JOE REICHLER
NEW YORK, March 24 (AP)—It became quite apparent today that while the war manpower commission permitted baseball players to leave war jobs, their draft boards have the final say whether they will be able to play ball.

Right on the heels of the latest "go ahead" sign given baseball came the news that George Stirnweiss and Oscar Grimes, both of the regular New York Yankees infield, were notified by their draft boards of changes in their military status.

Second Baseman Stirnweiss, 4-F since the spring of 1943 due to stomach ulcers, was reclassified 1-A by his Kent, Conn., board yesterday. Third Baseman Grimes was summoned by his Lakewood, Ohio, board for a pre-induction examination.

Grimes had been 1-A since March 1, when he left his war job to report to the Yankees.

Another big leaguer, Forrest (Joe) Orrell, Detroit pitcher, passed his physical yesterday, while Infielder Russ Peters of the Indians was ordered to appear for induction April 20.

Other training camp news:
Browns—Show hitting ability in defeating Toledo 12-1 for third straight victory. Ellis Clary arrived to make infield intact.

Cards—Catchers Walker Cooper and Del Rice joined in workout, bringing players in uniform to 19.
White Sox—Bill Nagel, Milwaukee standout in practice, gawks clean-up spot for first nine-inning game tomorrow. Floyd Baker, former Brownie infielder, and Vic Austin of Detroit semi-pros, join team.

Indians—Held third intrasquad game with Pitcher Paul Calvert turning in impressive job.
Yankees—Catcher Bill Dresher, 23 and 4-F, reported, leaving war job.

Red Sox—Infielder Jack Tobin, younger brother of Jim, of Braves, and Pitcher George Woods arrived yesterday.
Braves—Manager Bob Coleman announced his starting lineup for Sunday's Red Cross benefit game with the Senators at College Park. Mr. Ira Hutchinson, Jim Wallace and Charley Cozart will pitch. Outfielder Al Wright reported.

Athletics—Outfielder Charley Metro hit five for five, getting a triple, three doubles and a single, in exhibition game won by A's, 14-13, over Curtis Bay coast guard.

Reds—Harry Gumbert, accepted for the army, has left Houston to report to Reds. Rookie Pitcher John Orphal, classified 4-F, also to report.
Phillies—Shortstop Bity Mott, last year with Utica of the Eastern league, reported. Operation on Fred Daniels' back to keep second baseman out for a month.

Dodgers—Rookie Tom (Buck) Tanner, six-foot-five-inch right-hander from Tampa, arrived.

FIGHTS
By The Associated Press
NEW YORK—Tami Mauriello, 199, New York, outpointed Lee Oma, 181, Detroit, 10.
DETROIT—Phil Terranova, 126, New York, outpointed Leo Roy Willis, 129, Detroit, 10.
BOSTON—Jimmy Doyle, 144, Los Angeles, outpointed Ralph Zanelli, 147, Providence, R. I., 10.

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Spring in the Air! Ball Players Report--



Hal Newhouser, left, and Dizzy Trout... their load appears lighter.



Paul Richards has the most unique catching stance in baseball. Detroit veteran gives sign while resting on left knee with right knee pulled up and slightly to right. Waiting the pitch he pushes his right foot directly out in front, pulls it part way back making catch.

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Violets Meet Ohio State In Playoff

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The winner will take the court against the western NCAA victor here Tuesday night.

Swift Swede Finally Cops Mile Victory

CLEVELAND, March 24 (AP)—Gunder Haeg, Sweden's most persistent stalker of the four-minute mile, said he again would take to the boards in Buffalo a week from today following his first victory of his current American tour at the fifth annual Knights of Columbus games here.

Haeg, interpreted by his hurdling teammate, Haakon Lidman, said he expected to resume his rivalry with New York's Jimmy Rafferty in Buffalo after defeating Forest Eflaw of Baltimore, Md., naval training station by three feet in the University Bulletin mile here last night.

Lidman quoted the crack cravat salesman as saying he was disappointed with his winning time of 4:16.7 which was 2.2 seconds slower than his Chicago effort last week. He finished second in Chicago to Rafferty who earlier beat Gunder twice in New York.

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The bout was the first in a bantamweight elimination tournament to pick a temporary successor to Manuel Ortiz, 118-pound titleholder now in the armed forces.

SAN FRANCISCO—Al Ware, 207, Oakland, knocked out Billy Gilbert, 218, St. Louis, 6.

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